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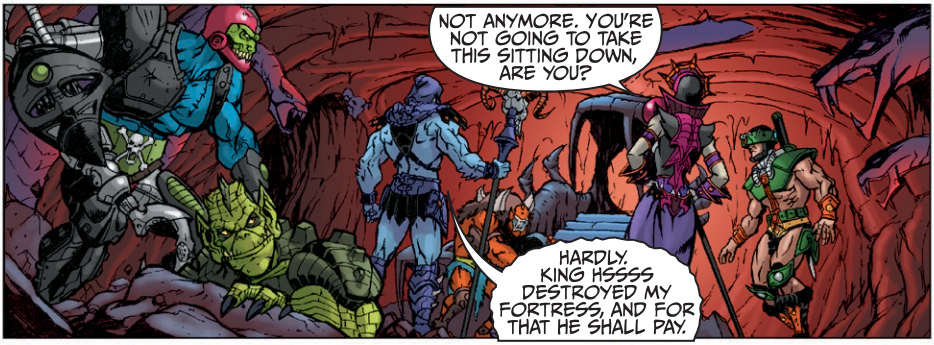
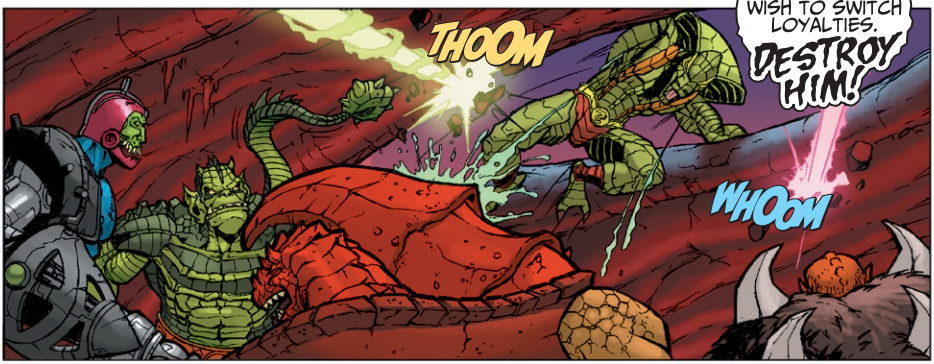
SNAKE MOUNTAIN.
THE DARK HEMISPHERE.
MY BEAUTIFUL THRONE ROOM...


NOT ANYMORE. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS SITTING DOWN, ARE YOU?
HARDLY. KING HSSSS DESTROYED MY FORTRESS, AND FOR THAT HE SHALL PAY.

HSSSS
I COME IN PEACE. I HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT KING HSSSS.
HE ISSS BEING HELD IN THE ETERNIAN PRISSSON -- DEFEATED BY HE-MAN AND ZODAK.
KING HSSSS IS HEADLESSSSS. HIS POWER IS NO LONGER A MATCH FOR YOURS, LORD SSSKELETOR.


AH, SO YOU WISH TO SWITCH LOYALTIES.
DESTROY HIM!
THOOM
WHOOM

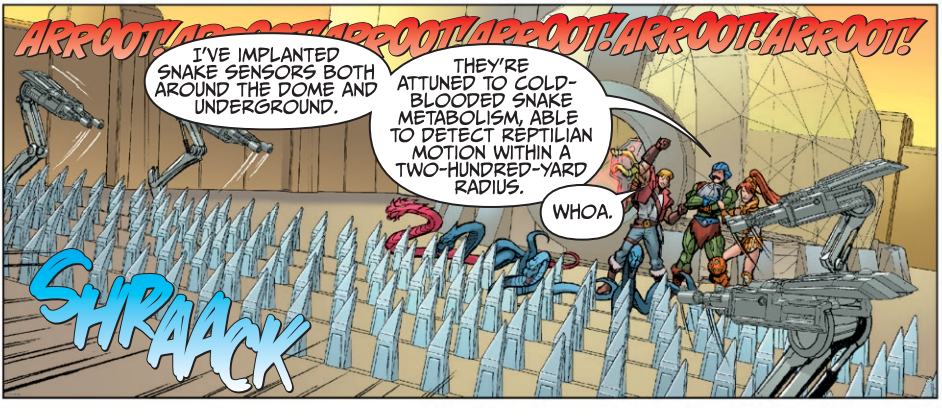
ETERNOS PALACE.
LIGHT HEMISPHERE.

I DON'T GET IT, FATHER.
WHY BUILD A WHOLE NEW FACILITY TO HOUSE SNAKE MEN? WE'VE ALREADY GOT THE ETERNIUM-LINED PRISON.

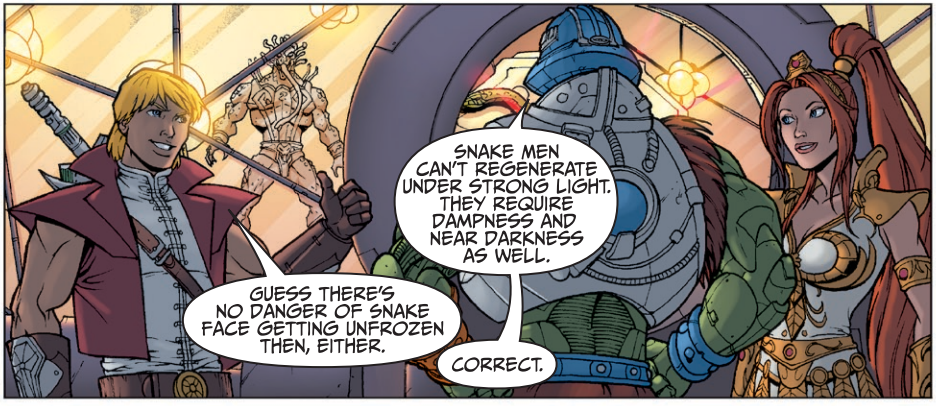
WHICH BOTH KOBRA KHAN AND RATTLOR WERE ABLE TO BREAK OUT OF.
POINT TAKEN.

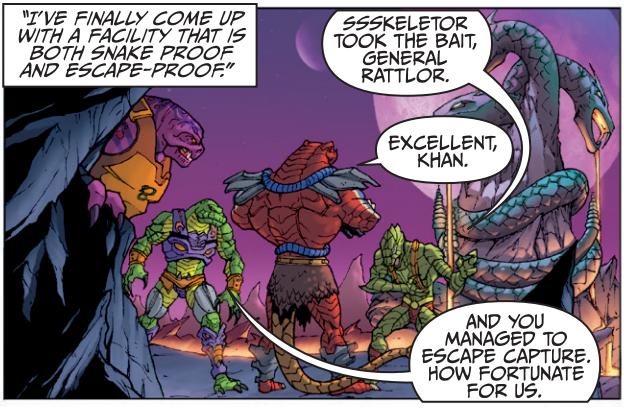
ONE FINAL CHECK TO ENSURE THAT ALL SYSTEMS ARE OPERATIONAL.
ALRIGHT, ROBOTO--

--RELEASE THEM.
OOH, WHAT'S INSIDE? SNACKS?
I BELIEVE IT IS PRONOUNCED, "SNAKES."
HSSSS
HSSSS

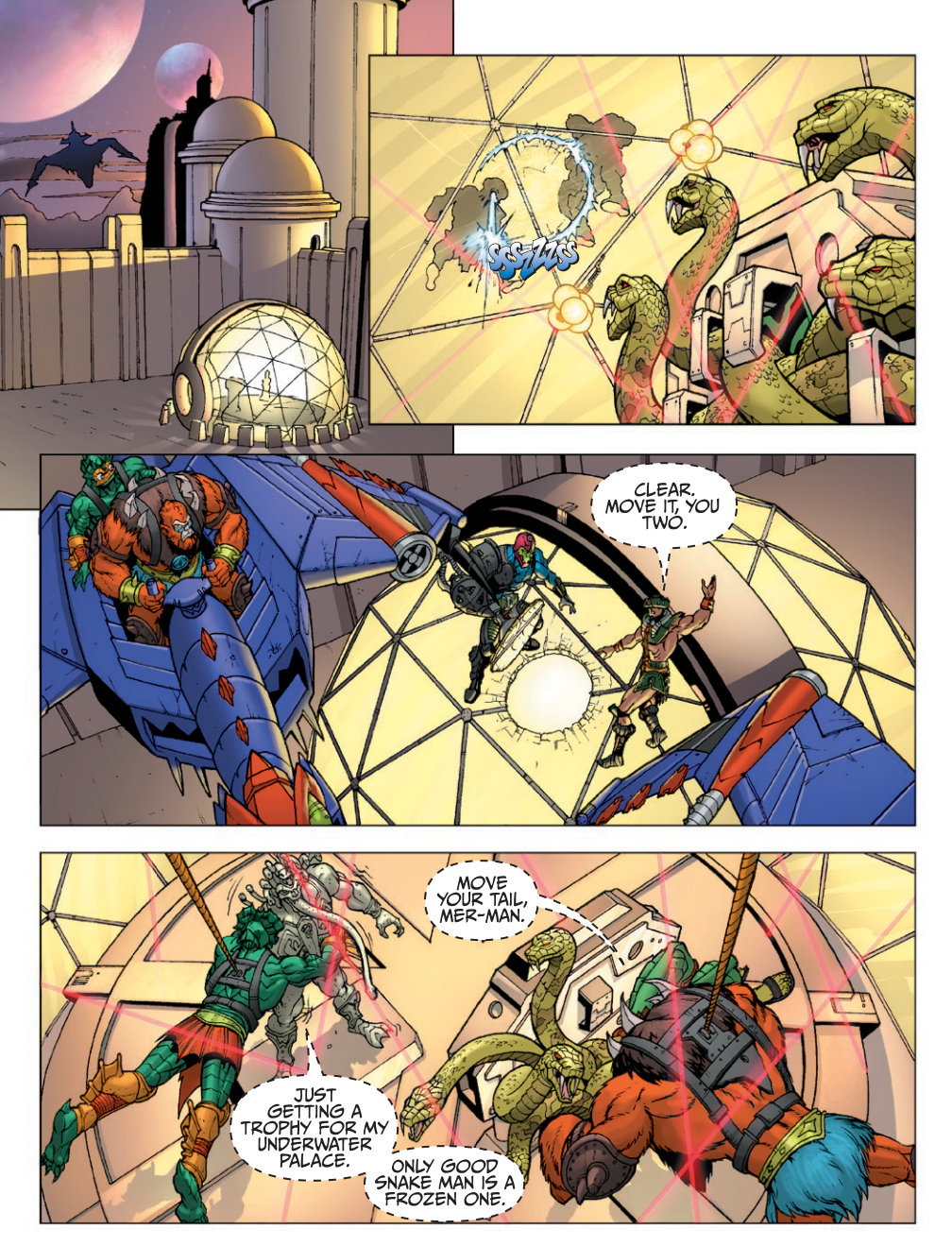

ARROOT!ARROOT!ARROOT!ARROOT!ARROOT!
I'VE IMPLANTED SNAKE SENSORS BOTH AROUND THE DOME AND UNDERGROUND.
THEY'RE ATTUNED TO COLD-BLOODED SNAKE METABOLISM, ABLE TO DETECT REPTILIAN MOTION WITHIN A TWO-HUNDRED-YARD RADIUS.
WHOA.
SHRAAACK

SHOULD THE PERIMETER MEASURES SOME-HOW FAIL US... LASER SECURITY GRIDS.
AND ONE FINAL SECURITY MEASURE: THE PRISON DOME ALLOWS SUNLIGHT TO POUR IN ALL DAY—
--ILLUMIN-ORBS TAKE OVER AT NIGHT.
WHAT DOES ALL THE LIGHT DO?
IT'S WHAT IT KEEPS KING HSSSS FROM DOING. GROWING A NEW HEAD.


SNAKE MEN CAN'T REGENERATE UNDER STRONG LIGHT. THEY REQUIRE DAMPNESS AND NEAR DARKNESS AS WELL.
GUESS THERE'S NO DANGER OF SNAKE FACE GETTING UNFROZEN THEN, EITHER.
CORRECT.


"I'VE FINALLY COME UP WITH A FACILITY THAT IS BOTH SNAKE PROOF AND ESCAPE-PROOF."
SSSKELETOR TOOK THE BAIT, GENERAL RATTLOR.
EXCELLENT, KHAN.
AND YOU MANAGED TO ESCAPE CAPTURE. HOW FORTUNATE FOR US.

NOW WE WAIT, LET SKELETOR MAKE HIS MOVE.


SSZZWSS
CLEAR. MOVE IT, YOU TWO.
MOVE YOUR TAIL, MER-MAN.
JUST GETTING A TROPHY FOR MY UNDERWATER PALACE.
ONLY GOOD SNAKE MAN IS A FROZEN ONE.

=YAWN=
GONNA BE A GOOD DAY.
HUH, WHAT IS THAT?

PRISON BREAK! SOUND THE ALARM!

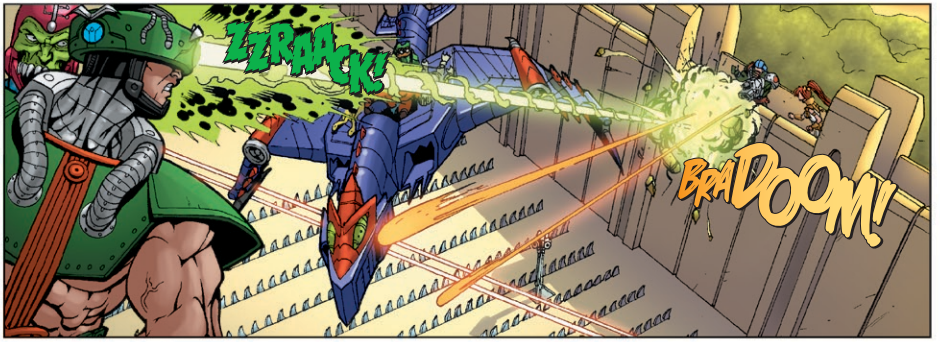
NO... IT CAN'T BE.
FATHER, WHAT'S--
LET'S MOVE!

ALARMS FROM THE SNAKE PRISON. THAT MEANS HSSSS.
THEY ARE GOING TO NEED OUR HELP, CRINGER.
BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL...

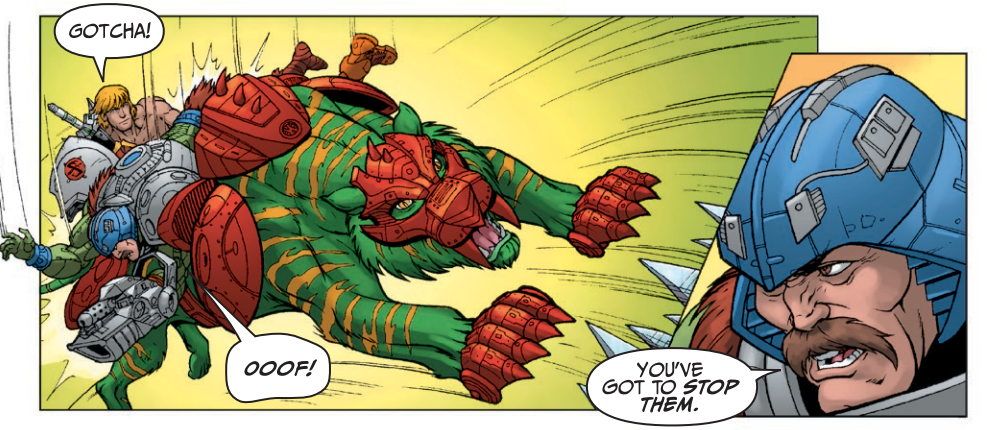
I HAVE THE POWER!

DIVE! FLY LOW!

VRROOM!
VVRRROOMM!


ZZRAACK!
BRADOOM!

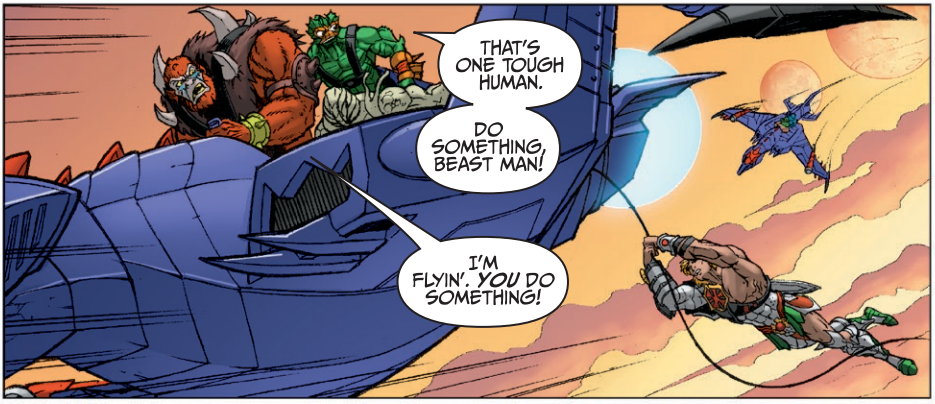
FATHER!

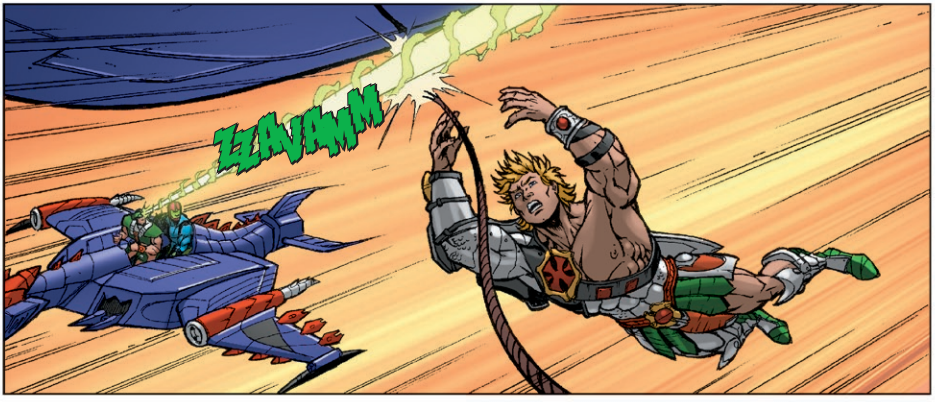

GOTCHA!
OOOF!
YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THEM.

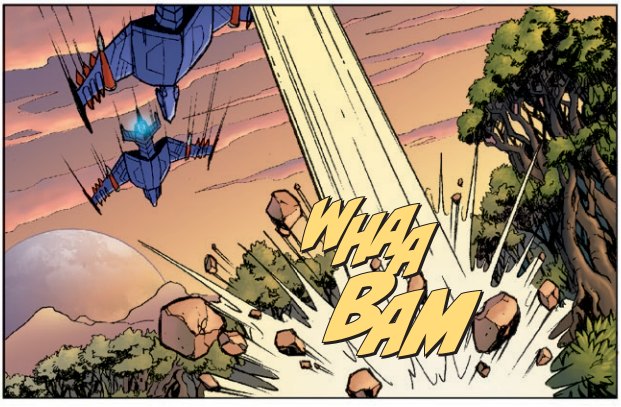
MOVE IT, TRI-KLOPS! GET US OUT OF HERE.
GET THOSE SKY SLEDS OFF OUR TAIL.

IT'S HE-MAN!
CLIMB! TAKE US UP!

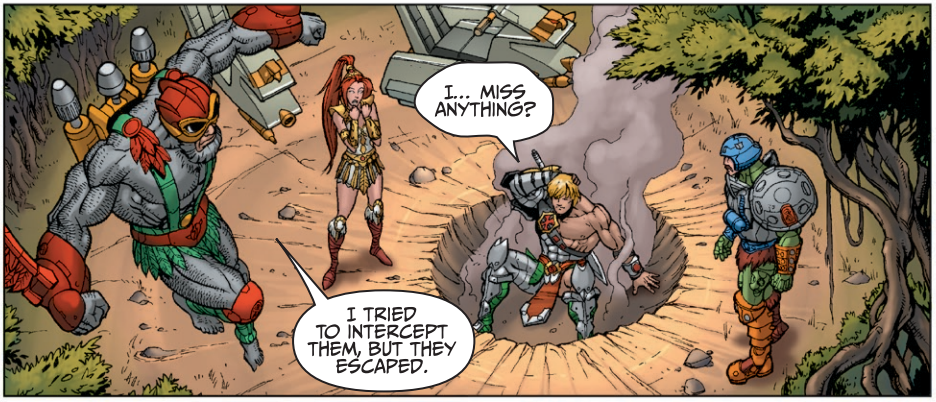
TOO LATE!
I'LL FIX 'IM.
HAW, HA, HA, HAW!
WHROOMM!
GRUMMMBLE


THAT'S ONE TOUGH HUMAN.
DO SOMETHING, BEAST MAN!
I'M FLYIN'. YOU DO SOMETHING!


ZZAVAMM


WHAA BAM

HAW, HA, HA, HAW!


I... MISS ANYTHING?
I TRIED TO INTERCEPT THEM, BUT THEY ESCAPED.

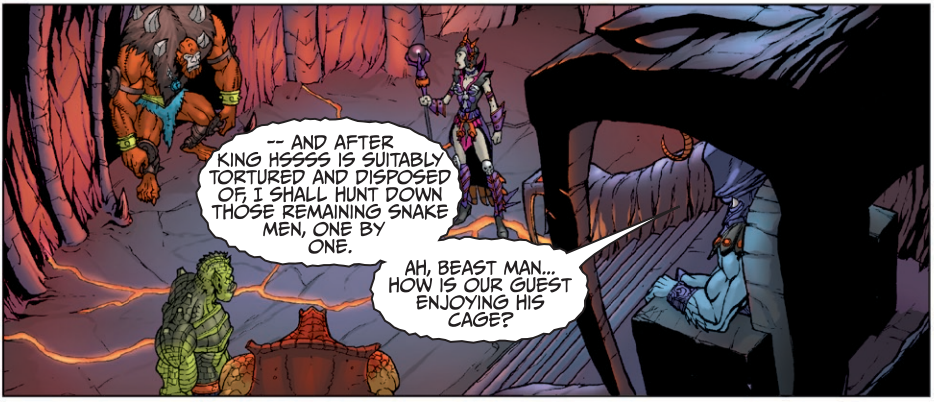
KING HSSSS, FREE. I'D PREPARED FOR A SNAKE MAN ATTACK ON THE PRISON. I NEVER IMAGINED THAT SKELETOR'S FORCES WOULD BE THE ONES TO--
STOP IT, FATHER. YOU MUSTN'T BLAME YOURSELF.
TEELA'S RIGHT. NO ONE COULD SEE THIS COMING.

THE QUESTION IS WHY WOULD SKELETOR WANT KING HSSSS FREE?
AN ALLIANCE, PERHAPS?

IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN THE PLANET IS DOOMED.

FATHER -- WAIT...!
STOP HIM, STRATOS! TEELA, WITH ME!

BACK AT SNAKE MOUNTAIN...
YOU PROPOSE AN ALLIANCE? HOW VERY INTRIGUING.
BUT I WOULD VENTURE TO SAY YOU ONLY SEEK TO SAVE YOUR SKIN. WHEREAS WHAT I SEEK... IS VENGEANCE FOR YOUR TREACHERY.
THROW HIM IN A CAGE, BEAST MAN. I MUST THINK OF A PUNISHMENT SUITABLY SLOW AND PAINFUL.
NOW, DO I CAGE YA WITH THE SERPINATAURS OR THE ECTO EELS? BOTH OF 'EM HATE SNAKES.
'COURSE I COULD THROW YA IN WITH THE SHADOWBEASTS...
YOU HAVE NO SHADOWBEASTS. THEY CAN ONLY EXIST IN TOTAL DARKNESS.
YEAH WELL, SMARTY SNAKE... I GOT A SPECIAL AREA, REAL DARK, JUST HOW THEY LIKE IT.
AND THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
HAVE FUN.
HAW, HA, HA, HAW!
YESSSS...


-- AND AFTER KING HSSSS IS SUITABLY TORTURED AND DISPOSED OF, I SHALL HUNT DOWN THOSE REMAINING SNAKE MEN, ONE BY ONE.
AH, BEAST MAN... HOW IS OUR GUEST ENJOYING HIS CAGE?

BEAST MAN?

MY VENOM APPARENTLY DOESN'T AGREE WITH HIM.
WHUMP

ZZRACK!
I KNOW THIS FORTRESS FAR BETTER THAN YOU, SKELETOR.

YOU FORGET IT WAS I WHO BUILT IT.

VRRRRAAAA-BOOM

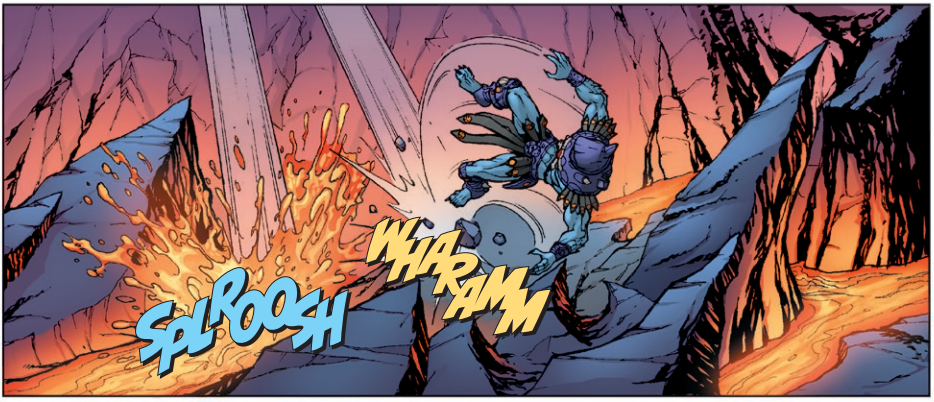
STILL WORKING, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.
NOT FOR LONG!

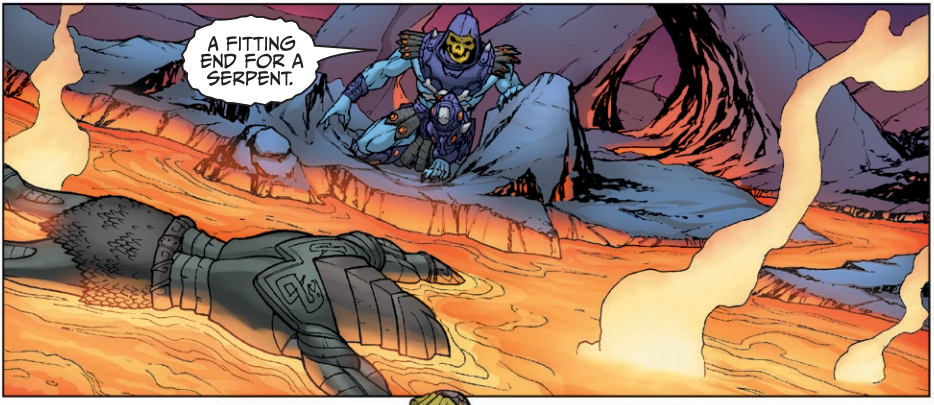
ZZRACK

RETREATING, HSSSS?

SCARED OF A FACE-TO-FACE FIGHT, HSSSS?
HARDLY, SKELETOR.
AND THAT'S KING HSSSS.
YOU MAY HAVE BUILT IT, BUT THIS IS MY HOUSE NOW.
YOU HAVE DEFILED IT. AND FOR THAT, YOU SHALL PAY.
AND NOW... TO FINISH THIS.
ZZZRACK
AARGHH!
YESSSS....

ARRRHHHG!
HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HAAA!
SO MUCH FOR FINISHING ME, SKELE— WHAT!
RRAGGH!
VRABOOM


SPLOOSH
WHARAMM


A FITTING END FOR A SERPENT.

HRRAAHH!
SKRRICKK

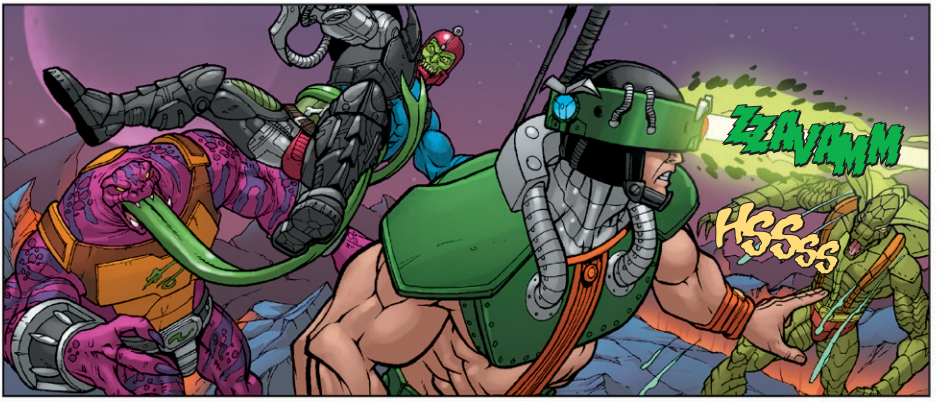
I FOUND THAT BATH QUITE REFRESHING.
IT WAS TIME FOR ME TO SHED ANYWAY.
VRABOOM

GOODBYE, SKELETOR.
VRRRAAAA

ARRRGGH!
ZZAVAMM

DON'T WORRY BOSS, WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK.
ZZAVAMM

YESSS, BUT WHO HAS YOURSSS?


ZZAVAMM
HSSSS

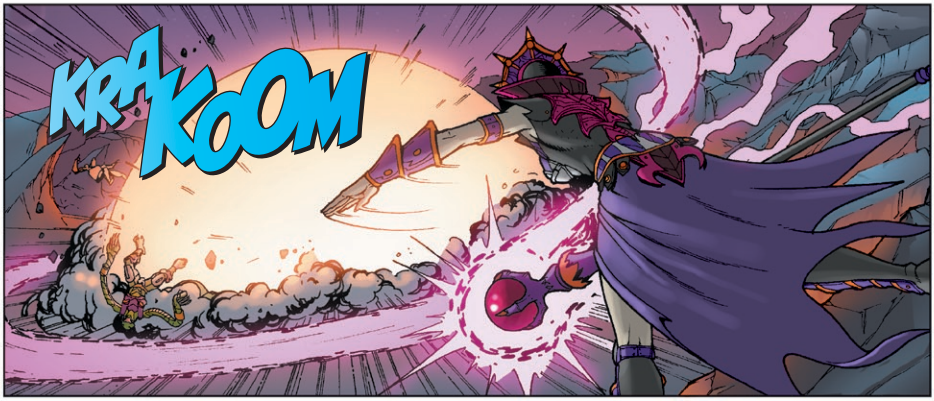
WHAR-RAM

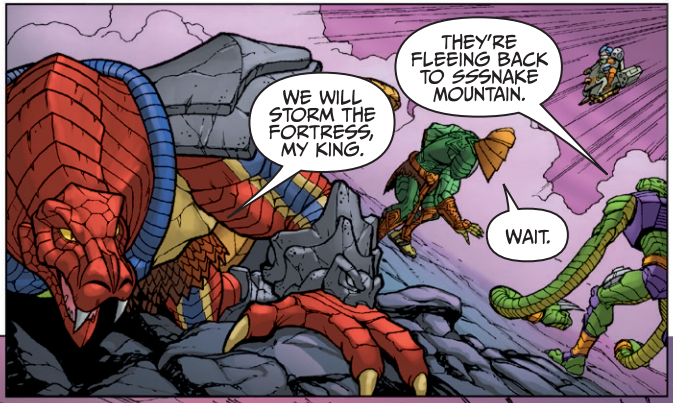
ARGGH!

MY KING. IT IS GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK.
JUST SSSO YOU KNOW, IT WASSS I WHO INSSSTIGATED HAVING SSSKELETOR BREAK YOU OUT OF PRISSSON.
WHICH NEARLY COST ME MY LIFE.

YOU KNOW. NOW THAT I'VE THOUGHT IT OVER, PERHAPS AN ALLIANCE WOULD BE--
SILENCE! IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU HAVE SO LITTLE MEAT ON YOUR BONES.

INSTEAD, I SHALL MERELY—
YOU WILL DO NOTHING!


KRAKOOM


WE WILL STORM THE FORTRESS, MY KING.
THEY'RE FLEEING BACK TO SSSNAKE MOUNTAIN.
WAIT.

I SMELL... ANOTHER ENEMY.

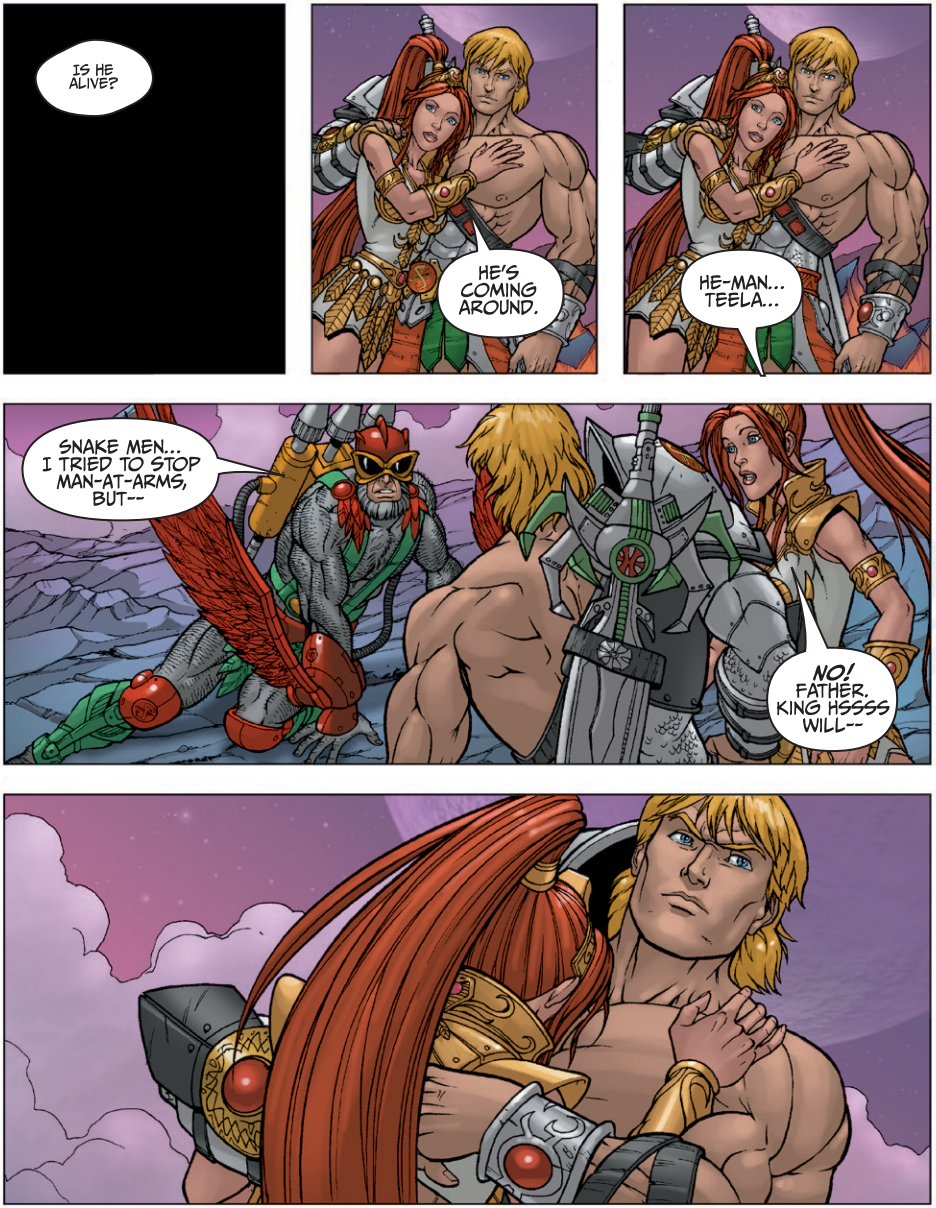
VVARROOMM!
BRADDA BOOM

HSSSS
BRADDA BRADDA

ARGH....
VRABOOM

WHAAMM
HSSSS

SKRREASSHH


IS HE ALIVE?
HE'S COMING AROUND.
HE-MAN... TEELA...
SNAKE MEN... I TRIED TO STOP MAN-AT-ARMS, BUT--
NO! FATHER. KING HSSSS WILL--

YOU WOULD MAKE A TASTY DINNER. BUT I HAVE OTHER PLANS FOR YOU.
BREAKFAST?
NO. I WISH TO MAKE USE OF HIS TALENTS.
YOU WILL BUILD VEHICLES AND WEAPONRY FOR MY SNAKE MEN.
I'D SOONER BE EATEN.
THE CHOICE IS NOT YOURS TO MAKE. YOU'RE MINE NOW.
THE LAST REMAINING SHARD OF THE OPHIDIAN SPIRE, WHICH ONCE TURNED YOU AND YOUR FELLOW "MASTERS" INTO SNAKE MEN.
IT'S USELESS WITHOUT THE SERPENT'S RING TO ENERGIZE IT.
AH, BUT THERE YOU ARE WRONG. ONCE A HUMAN HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED, THERE IS ALWAYS A SNAKE MAN INSIDE, JUST BEGGING TO BE SET FREE.
NO... I'LL FIGHT IT WITH EVERY FIBER OF--MY--MY---
AS I SAID, YOU'RE MINE NOW.
YES, HOW MAY I SERVE YOU, MY KING?
THE END?